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To whom it may concern,

I appreciate the notion to put computers in our poor schools. However,  
I recently read an alternative proposal from Red Hat.  
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When I first heard of the proposal, I instantly began to wonder if this proposal from Microsoft was actually an investment into their own future rather than necessarily a punishment or act of sheer graciousness. Indeed, I am very much in favor of being able to put even more computers in the schools at no more of a cost to Microsoft and at the same time, allowing students to benefit from the wealth of quality software from the Open Source community. This software, as well as the operating system, will not carry burdensome licensing fees. The lack of such fees will enable these schools to continue offering the latest software and programming techniques to students.

I favor Red Hat's proposal, and sincerely hope that it is considered.

Thank you very much for your time.

Very Respectfully,  
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